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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT

1. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR SOMMERFELT CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LEWIS DECEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS NORWAY'S INTEREST
IN THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD). SOMMERFELT
NOTED THAT NORWAY HAS SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF SUCH A
SESSION SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND WAS CO-SPONSOR TO THE RESO-
LUTION CALLING FOR AN SSOD. HE EXPLAINED THE GREAT
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IMPORTANCE THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO INCREASED
NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS IN
THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT. SOMMERFELT STATED THAT NORWAY
IS A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SPECIAL SESSION
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND REQUESTED THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF
THE U.S. FOR NORWAY'S CANDIDATURE.

2. LEWIS STATED THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE NORWAY AS A MEMBER OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. HE EXPLAINED THAT INsofar AS WESTERN EUROPEAN MEMBERSHIP IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THE U.S. WOULD NOT WISH TO DIVERGE FROM PAST PRACTICE, I.E. U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN JUDGMENT IN THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS. LEWIS SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF THE THREE PREPARATORY CONFERENCES

WHICH WILL BE HELD, NORWAY MIGHT CONSIDER SOME FORM OF ROTATING MEMBERSHIP BY NORDIC COUNTRIES AT THE CONFERENCES. HE STATED THAT THE U.S. PLANNED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE AT THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE AND AT THE SSOD ITSELF.

3. IN CLOSING, LEWIS EXPRESSED U.S. GRATITUDE FOR NORWEGIAN EFFORTS IN REGARD TO THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24.
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